

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
781-982-2100**

**Minutes  
September 24, 2013  
Buckley Room  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Denis Bergin, Kathy Creighton, Jerry Kelliher, Russ Forsythe

**Open Space update:** meeting for the public to have input on the Open Space Plan is scheduled for October 8, 2013 in the Cotter Room at 7:00 p.m. Will be put on the sign at the bottom of the street and on cable.

**Ratify Emergency Certification, 51 Everett Street:** Jerry and Denis have gone out to site. Jerry signed off on it and suggested to contractor that he put up haybales or silt fence along culvert. There were no wetlands on GIS map, but there was a stream off the property. Home owners have flooding in the basement due to grading around the foundation. Work – to connect down spouts to a drywell and excavate for patio to deflect drainage from foundation. Vote to ratify emergency certification made by Kathy, seconded by Russ, unanimous.

**Request for Determination, filed by Massachusetts Electric Company dba National Grid, to replace the existing circuit switcher within the North Abington Substation at 60 John Street, within a previously developed upland area within the 100' buffer zone of BVW and 200' riverfront area of French Stream.** Karl Smith, consultant with TRC, and Nate Kesselburg, engineer, gave presentation. National Grid is in the process of upgrading their infrastructure. Actual address is 60 Charles Street, but Assessors records list it as 60 John Street. There will be a temporary staging, with a cement pad. There are photos in the packets of the actual circuit switcher. There won't be any excavation in relation to the existing tower with circuit switcher on top, which will be cut off. A new circuit switcher will be installed on top of the tower. There is a mobile substation that is brought in on a trailer until the permanent structure is completed. It is a firm, flat graveled lot. Construction should take about three months. The poles will be installed with a truck mounted augur.

Work will take place in the buffer zone. Board felt RDA was well written. Denis – this really comes under 310 CMR 10.02(2)(a).(2), which waives the filing of a Notice of Intent. Kathy – inquired as to whether the FX6 gas in the pipes is removed before the structure is taken down. Mr. Kesselburg – the gas is removed with a vacuum system. Wetlands are a distance away – about 70'. Board would like a siltation barrier installed.

Hearing closed. Motion for negative determination #3 and #5 made by Jerry, with haybales to be installed along the boundary of work locus, seconded Kathy, unanimous.

**Kathy brought up Harvard Street.** There hasn't been any work done in the wetlands so far, but at the end of the property there is a wetland. He may be within the buffer zone at some point. Kathy suggested reminder letter that if he's working within 100' of wetlands, he needs to file.

**E-mail from Al Trakimas re 0 Adams Street** – would like date for meeting. Will re-notify abutters and re-advertise. How many sets of plans does the commission want - 8 copies of plan, a full copy of the final calcs approved by Planning Board, correspondence from PMP. Meeting scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Denis has been corresponding with Weymouth and the Department of Transportation on Route 18. They would like a joint meeting with Weymouth and Abington Conservation Commissions. Weymouth offered their auditorium and dates of October 24<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Board preferred October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board would like a site walk set up after the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ZBA agenda for October 10<sup>th</sup>:** Property on 498 Linwood Street would require a Notice of Intent.

**Minutes** – September 10, 2013 – motion to approve made by Jerry, seconded by Russ, unanimous.

**Building Permits** – Jerry signed off after inspections – 27 Doris Drive, 566 Plymouth Street.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. made by Kathy, seconded by Jerry, unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst